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Re: Hillsboro/Eagle Zinc

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am writing at the request of my client, T.L. Diamond & Company, Inc. ("T.L. Diamond"), in response to your letter of June 28, 2000 which was served on T.L. Diamond's registered agent on July 5, 2000. T.L. Diamond has commenced the work necessary to respond to all of the questions on the Information Request. However, compiling and preparing responses to a number of those questions will take a significant amount of time. As you are aware from our earlier discussions and meetings, T.L. Diamond and its operating facility, Eagle Zinc, do not have the people to complete this response in the 30-day timeframe without affecting their availability to do their basic jobs. Therefore, I am writing to propose that the questions listed below be responded to by T.L. Diamond by August 20, 2000 (a 15-day extension) and that a 60 to 90-day extension be granted for the other questions. I have discussed the longer extension with James Richardson. I note in this regard that the preponderance of actual site information including sampling, testing, location of structures and site features are already in the possession of Illinois EPA either through sampling and testing results submitted over the past several years and compiled and resubmitted in February of this year or in the air permit application and the stormwater application.

We believe the following questions can be answered the first round - 4 through 11, 16 (most of which is already within IEPA's possession) and 20 through 32. Of course, questions 1 through 3 and 33 may have to be answered in both submissions rounds.

T.L. Diamond will use its best efforts to respond to all of the remaining questions as soon as possible. However, as you know, these questions are complicated, multi-part and will take significant effort to answer; therefore, my client is requesting the 60-90-day extension so it can provide complete responses.

On a slightly different topic, we understand from Rick Lanham that we should be expecting the IEPA response to Environ's February submission sometime in the next week or so. After we have had an opportunity to review that, we will also want to schedule a technical meeting with Rick and anyone else that you deem appropriate to discuss those comments.

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If you have any questions about this request or would like to discuss it, please call me at the above number. Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation.

Sincerely,



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